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2 arrests in cyclist's death

Suspected driver, vehicle owner in fatal hit-and-run arrested over weekend

By Kristi Belcamino and Julio Ojeda-Zapata
Pioneer Press

St. Paul Police announced two arrests Sunday in the hit-and-run death of Jose Hernandez Solano on the same day his fellow friends and cyclists gathered to remember him.

Hernandez Solano, 52, was bicycling home from his job at the Brasa eatery on St. Paul's Grand Avenue shortly after midnight Nov. 26 when he was struck by a hit-and-run driver.

The driver ran a red light at West Seventh Street and Grand Avenue, and Hernandez Solano suffered "grave injuries," police said. He died Dec. 7 after being taken off life support.

Jose Hernandez Solano died Dec. 7 from injuries suffered in Nov. 26 crash.

Dustin Joel Hegner-Royce, 28, of St. Paul was arrested at 4 p.m. Saturday in the 1100 block of Reaney Avenue on suspicion of criminal vehicular homicide, according to a tweet posted Sunday by the St. Paul Police Department.

Abbey Rose Hegner, 47, of South St. Paul was arrested Friday on suspicion of aiding an offender. She is the registered owner of the vehicle believed to have been used in the hit-and-run, police said.

Hernandez Solano's family in the U.S. and Mexico was "absolutely overjoyed" to hear about the arrests, said Ash Reynolds, Brasa's manager of communications.

The family is grateful to the people of St. Paul, the city's police force and those who came to Sunday's vigil,

CYCLIST HIT-AND-RUN, 5A

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Wil Totten pays his respects at a ghost bike honoring Jose Hernandez Solano on Sunday in St. Paul near the West Seventh Street spot where Hernandez Solano was struck by a hit-and-run driver on Nov. 26. Dozens of Hernandez Solano's friends took part in a memorial ride from his former workplace, Brasa, to the crash site.

Boldly going forth

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Quarterback Case Keenum, wearing his NFC North champions cap, celebrates the Vikings' 34-7 win over the Bengals on Sunday at U.S. Bank Stadium. It was Keenum's ninth win as a starter this season and kept Minnesota in the hunt for the NFC's top seed and home-field advantage in the playoffs. More in Sports, Section B

MNsure braces for deadline deluge

For Jan. 1 coverage, policies must be bought by Wednesday

By Christopher Magan
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Having the state-run health care exchange MNsure means Minnesotans who buy insurance on the individual market have more time to enroll in a plan than much of the rest of the nation.

But if they want to be covered by Jan. 1, they had better act fast. Wednesday is the deadline to enroll for coverage that's effective the beginning of the year. Procrastinators have until Jan. 14 to pick a plan, but it won't be effective until Feb. 1.

Allison O'Toole, MNsure CEO, said Minnesota had new flexibility to set its open enrollment window this year and set a 10-week window after consultation with providers and health

MNSURE DEADLINE, 3A

This 1898 case may deter Senate power shift

State Republicans believe decision allows Fischbach to keep seat

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There's a legal battle brewing over what will happen when Lt. Gov. Tina Smith replaces Sen. Al Franken, who has said he'll resign.

At the center of it is an 1898 Minnesota Supreme Court decision.

As state Senate president, Sen. Michelle Fischbach, a Republican from Paynesville, is poised to fill Smith's spot. She maintains she can do that and still hold her Senate seat.

But Democrats say she needs to resign her Senate seat.

They cite a clause in the state Constitution that says no legislator can hold any state or federal offices except postmaster or notary public.

Fischbach and her fellow Republicans say the 1898 case — State Ex Re. Marr v. Stearns, County Auditor — means the Democrats are wrong.

Here are the relevant parts of the 1898 opinion.

IT WAS A JAMES J. HILL RAILROAD CASE.

The original case had nothing to do with anything we're talking about today.

It was a railroad case out of Aitkin County involving three parcels owned by the St. Paul & Duluth Railroad, the Northern Pacific Railroad and the Great Northern Railroad owned by James J. Hill — who was alive and well and living in St. Paul at the time. The railroads were appealing county taxes levied on these parcels in 1897, based on a law passed in 1895.

Tina Smith

Michelle Fischbach

1898 CASE, 2A

Delta hit hard by Atlanta airport power outage

By Jonathan Landrum Jr.
Associated Press

ATLANTA — A sudden power outage brought the world's busiest airport to a standstill Sunday, grounding more than 1,000 flights in Atlanta just days before the start of the Christmas travel rush. Hours after the blackout began, authorities announced that electricity would be restored at the Hartfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport by midnight.

Passengers at the airport were left in the dark when the lights went out at around 1 p.m. The outage halted all outgoing flights, and arriving planes were held on the ground at their point of departure. International flights were being diverted, officials said.

Delta passenger Emilia Duca, 32, was

AIRPORT POWER OUT, 5A

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